

# Audubon United Methodist Church

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## June, 2016 Newsletter

### Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Service
- 9:00 AM Church School for all ages
- 10:30 AM Traditional Service

*When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you."  
Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." 2 Kings 2:9*

**Graduation.** It's here. The next generation of doctors, lawyers, teachers, politicians, service members, ballplayers, trash collectors, builders, nurses, clerks, burger flippers, engineers, etc. is on their way. What have we done to prepare them? As parents we hope we did our best to provide for them for adulthood and responsibility. We fed them, clothed them, bought them cars, paid for their education, and gave them our "sage" advice whether they wanted it or not. But are they ready? I hope we made spiritual preparation a priority in our parenting. There is no guarantee our children will follow Jesus as they move ahead. We do have God's promise, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it, Proverbs 22:6. The rest we leave to God.

That brings me to ask, are we preparing the next generation for leadership in the church of Jesus Christ? Churches tend to lose a generation between driving age and parenthood. We can give younger generation lots of stuff. We create "safe spaces" for them so they will not be hurt, and provide great education so they can think deep thoughts, right grievous wrongs, and save the world. But have we prepared them face the real world and take on the responsibility of bringing Jesus Christ to our society? As I understand it, Christ is the only one who can save the world. That is not to say people can't make a difference. Jesus calls us to do that very thing, but not without him. . Have we really taught the next generation that the world is a  
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***Our Doors are always open!***  
Our Church Building is Handicap Accessible. Elevator access to the sanctuary and the lower level can be found on the Graisbury Ave. side entrance. Handicapped parking is available on Graisbury and also in the rear of the church house.



*The June Newsletter is sponsored by Barbara Hertfelder in loving memory of Charles and Amanda Poopert*

### Meetings and Events

- June 5 All Church Meeting and luncheon 11:45
- June 12 Children's Day  
FoodShare orders due
- June 14 Church Council Meeting 7:30
- June 19 Happy Father's Day  
Deadline for July Newsletter—send  
To Lyn Radley at [smradley@verizon.net](mailto:smradley@verizon.net)
- June 21 Trustees Meeting 7 PM
- June 25 Food Share pick-up 10 AM
- June 26 Outdoor worship at 10 AM
- June 29 Midsummer Nights begin at 6 PM

### Weekly Meetings:

- Mondays:** Seekers (7-8 PM) Conover Parlor  
AA (7:30-8:30 PM) Adult Assembly Room
- Wednesdays:** Chancel Choir rehearsals 7:30 PM
- Sundays:** 6 PM Youth Group

### Church Office Hours

- Monday & Wed. 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Friday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

### Summer Sunday School continues for all adult classes



## Children's Day June 12

Children's Day is celebrated by many countries. In 1868 the Methodist Conference set the 2nd Sunday in June as Children's Day.

Come join us as we celebrate our children!

Come at 9:30 am for a Pancake Breakfast, then at the 10:30 Traditional Service, the children's choir will sing, children will be our ushers and will perform a skit.

This is the last day for children's Sunday School. Classes resume Sept. 18.

## VBS July 11-15

At Deep Sea Discovery, kids and adults will dive into God's Word to see how He has been with His people every step of the way. There will be hands-on service projects and sea science. And just wait until you meet our under the sea friends, so join us in our ECHO sub and experience a VBS adventure like no other!

**Kids from 4 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade...** put on your swim fins and join us 6:00 – 8:15 PM.

**Adult study** at 6:30 PM.

Contact Coleen Makuszewski for additional information or to help at [krunner26@yahoo.com](mailto:krunner26@yahoo.com)

**Pre -registration for VBS will be held after Children's Day Service on June 12th.**

**A water slide will be available for the kids**

## Scholarships

***The Audubon UMC Scholarship in Memory of Leon Walker and Jeffrey Bowen.*** This scholarship is for any student attending Audubon High School.

***The Stephen P. Betts Scholarship*** is for a church member who attends school outside of Audubon.

Applications are being taken for this year's awards. Contact Linda Holonia.

## Congratulations to our 2016 Graduates!

Graduated from:

Going to:

### Audubon High School

Emily Whiteley

Camden County C.

Rebecca VanArnam

Chile on a student

exchange program through Rotary International

### Rutgers University

Christy Schnyer

Rutgers Law School



## Outdoor Worship and cookout June 26

We are trying something new! On Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> we will hold a single service at 10 AM in front of the prayer garden. A Cookout to follow the service.

## Midsummer Nights

Join us this summer for supper and worship at the parsonage on Wed. evenings at 6 PM. The kick off date is **June 29**. Bring a dish to share and a chair. Everyone is welcome!

## Mission News by Bruce Krout

One definition of the word "mission" is the vocation or calling of a religious organization, especially a Christian one, to go out into the world and spread its faith. The mission news that I'm sharing here is not reaching far out to the world, but to the young people in our families, our own children or grandchildren.

The Delanco Camp experience (located in the Medford/Tabernacle area) is an opportunity I want to remind you about. This week-long overnight experience has so many positive aspects for your youngsters. Besides offering the usual camp experiences like swimming, boating, arts and crafts, and making new friends, Delanco is a co-ed Christian based program that includes worshipping God and appreciating His creation.

The camp age range is 4<sup>th</sup> grade through high school. The week for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade kids is July 10-16, 2016. The cost is inexpensive, as far as summer camps go, at \$325. The final cost to your family will be up to \$75 less per camper, since funds have been set aside by your loving AUM church family.

What wonderful summertime memories can be made for your son or daughter with this experience! This technology-free week will allow your child to appreciate and hopefully grow in their faith. Ask the Holonias, Taits, or MacCullochs about their wonderful and meaningful family experiences with Delanco Camp.

For details and how to enroll your camper, check out the Delanco Camp website at [Delanco.org](http://Delanco.org).

## Food Share orders due June 12

Order forms are in the Narthex or online.

Contact Sandy Hook for information.

Order pick-up June 25 at 10 AM.



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broken place in need of a Savior? Driving an environmentally responsible vehicle, purchasing products from just sources, drinking fair trade coffee, and wearing no clothing made in sweat shops makes some feel better about themselves and the world being created around them. But even more important is a world that has lost its spiritual bearings. It is a place of disappointment and despair. It is a lost world that needs Jesus.

That is why we as the Church of Jesus Christ must do all we can to prepare the upcoming generations to lead. Elijah mentored the up and coming prophet Elisha. When it became clear Elijah was about to be taken by God, Elisha asked the wise old man for a double share of his spirit. I wonder how many would ask for a double portion from us? Too often I hear, "I don't want to be like so and so. That's not what a Christian is supposed to be."

I do have some suggestions to prepare the Elisha's waiting behind us to...

1. Set good Christian examples in front of them.
2. Be consistent, don't change your values to please folks, but be faithful to the Lord and his Word.
3. Teach our children to know God and His will for them. Christian Ed, VBS, Youth group all can help.
4. Allow them to learn responsibility in the church. They may not yet know it all (though some act otherwise), but how will they learn if we don't listen to them and trust them to try?
5. Know when to hand over the reins. No, I don't mean saying "I quit" and abandoning your post, but when a young Elisha presents him or herself, let God use them for his work, and trust God for the results.

"He (Elisha) picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back ..." 2 Kings 2:9.

Elisha took the mantle of Elijah and God used him mightily. I hope we at AUMC are preparing our Elisha's for "Graduation."

*Pastor Walt*

**June Shut-in of the Month**

<i>Thinking of You</i>	Charlie Pierce 75 Harding Ave. Oaklyn, NJ 08107
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*Keep him in your prayers and let him know he is in your thoughts by sending a card.*

**June 5 All Church meeting and luncheon**

There will be an all church meeting and luncheon following the Traditional Service. Agenda and discussion topics are available in the narthex.

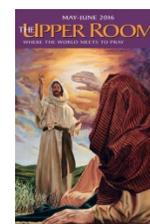


**Audubon Parade**



We are looking for volunteers to decorate our float and to ride or walk along handing out information about our church and our programs. Contact Coleen Makuszewski at [krunner26@yahoo.com](mailto:krunner26@yahoo.com)

**Upper Room Devotional Books**



The May/June issue of the Upper Room is still available at the wall mounted display by the Graisbury Ave. door. They come in regular and large print editions

**If you shop on smile.amazon.com**

 and choose Audubon UMC, Amazon will donate .05% of your eligible purchases. [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) is the same as shopping on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

**Gift card order forms** are available on the information table in the narthex. Many retailers in our area participate in this program which gives a percentage of the value of the card right back to our church.

Purchasing the gift cards is a very easy process. Fill out the form and return it to Linda with your payment. Checks are payable to the church. Gift cards are usually available the following Sunday. Easy shopping for you, whether you are buying as gifts for others or for your own use at local grocery or department stores, and it makes a profit for the church.



See Linda Holonia or email [lholonia@yahoo.com](mailto:lholonia@yahoo.com)

**Savvy Seniors Club at Collingswood Manor**

You are invited to the grand opening of their new Savvy Seniors Club on Wed. June 8 from 1-3 PM. The group is open to adults 65+ . There will be activities, classes, discussion groups and resources.

## June Birthdays

- 1 Carol Jo Fennimore
- 4 Tom Hertfelder
- 5 Vera Thompson
- 7 Frank Cunane
- 9 Charlie Pierce
- 16 Amy Kelly
- 19 Chris Fitzgerald
- 22 Barry Zane
- 28 Linda Holonia
- 30 Carol Tait
- 30 Kyra Lyman



## June Anniversaries

- 1 Lois and Don Reiter
- 13 Carol and Walt Jesuncosky
- 15 Coleen and Bill Makuszewski
- 18 Ef and Jack Deal
- 18 Liz and Jesse Deal
- 23 Fern and Frank Montesano
- 25 Cindy and Rich Burrough
- 25 Sarah and Pat Gibbons

## June Communion Offering:

Local Benevolence

**June Greeters:** Maryann Mazur & Janet Acker

**June Ushers:** Dan & Lindsi Arcaini, Sam Arcaini, Chris Fitzgerald

**June Liturgist:** George MacCullough

**June Counters:** Barbara Hertfelder, Amy Kelly and Karen Lyman

**June Trustee to open and close church:**

Miles Jesuncosky

## Prayers – Praise - Thanks

*Numerous prayer requests have been mentioned or written on prayer cards. Some of them are listed here. Since our newsletter is posted on our website, last names are omitted for privacy. Please contact the office to update any requests you may have made – either answered prayer or no longer needed.*



### **Prayer requests from our weekly bulletins**

- Doug J.
- Shannon P.
- Anne and Joe
- Nancy E.
- Carol B
- Crystal
- Ruslana's father
- Mike & Tyler S.
- Beverly F (Chris's mother)
- Theresa and son
- Carol and Bill B
- Mary P
- Mary L.
- Lori R

## **Our Friends with Special Needs**

- Bill and Kay R.
- Jean S.
- Doris K.
- Gwen E.
- Edith W.
- Peg L.
- Gerry G.
- Bertha H.
- Charlie P.
- Wyone and Bob B.
- Myrtle J.
- Eleanor T.
- Ed S.
- Ronnie W.
- Dan A.
- Pat M.

## **Prayer Card Requests**

- Complete healing for Lori R
- Child custody issues for Lori
- Bea F. at home
- Ginny A at home
- Joel H (Battleship NJ) with brain tumor
- Brother-in-law Jim for healing -Carol T
- My father – Diane
- Prayers for Ron S. with cancer and Ray K. with Cancer. Amy K
- Barry Z with health issues
- Paul H that he continues to not smoke
- Jordan and Adam serving in the military
- Michael G. is requesting prayers for his family as they try to hold onto their house and for peace and strength, especially for his wife as they face financial and medical issues. He is also requesting prayers for Holly G. as she battles cancer.
- Helena W with some medical issues
- Tricia R to regain strength
- Infant cousin requiring many surgeries –Tracy S
- for her foot to heal without surgery -Dorothy G.
- Mike's health issues -Diane
- Tyler has had a concussion.
- A church member with financial difficulties

## **Praise**

- Praise and prayers for our college and high school Graduates
- Congratulations to Tom and Rebecca Hertfelder on their marriage
- For those who are starting new jobs!
- Ef's retirement after many years of teaching!

## **Church Staff:**

- \* Pastor: Rev. Dr. Walter Jesuncosky, III
- \* Admin. Assistant: Diane Stanley
- \* Director of Music: Mia Reich
- \* Organist: David Reich
- \* Pianist: Jesse Deal
- \* Nursery helpers: Holly Fitzgerald, Becca VanArnam, Emily Whiteley

